

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, before the Title of the Invention, insert the following paragraph:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

At page 1, before line 1 of the specification, amend the Title of the Invention as follows:

Permanently Deformable Connector for Mechanically Connecting Hollow Structures

At page 1, before line 1 of the specification and after the Title of the Invention, insert the following paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, before line 7 of the specification, insert the following paragraph:

2. Background Art

At page 1, before line 17 of the specification, insert the following paragraph:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 7, before line 5 of the specification, insert the following paragraph:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 8, before line 4 of the specification, insert the following paragraph:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION